

Atty. Dkt. No. 051009/0125

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Klaus-Dieter HAMMER et al.

Title: SAUSAGE CASING WITH STARCH OR STARCH DERIVATIVES AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Appl. No.: UNASSIGNED

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Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 5, after "starch" insert --or starch--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

~~Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".~~

~~Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "one or more of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "one or more of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.~~

~~Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete "one or more of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.~~